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1. Kolobrzeg (Kolberg) numbers at present some 5,000 inhabitants, of whom approximately 4,000 are Polish nationals resettled from beyond the Bug and other devastated parts of Poland, and 1,000 are Germans, but the latter are decreasing in numbers because of deportation to the Reich. The Polish population is anti-government.
2. The Security Office numbers twenty persons, the Naval Militia thirty and the Citizens' Militia fifty. All are armed with automatic weapons.
3. About 85% of Kolobrzeg (Kolberg) was destroyed in the war. The quays in the harbor have escaped damage, but the port installations have been severely damaged, including warehouses, elevators and cranes. Anything which survived war damage was looted and removed by the Russians. There is only one out of date crane which is no longer in working order.
4. Among the plants which the Russians removed from Kolobrzeg (Kolberg) were a Ford motor-car factory, a Diesel engine factory and the Motoren-und Maschinenfabrik Hermann Borowski. At present there are no factories whatever in Kolberg and nothing is being built or repaired there.
5. In the Fishing Basin, there are some ten small fishing boats and four motor boats. All are in poor repair. Fishermen are unable to make a living from fishing.

The old shipyard which used to build fishing craft lies idle. The new one employs about seventy men, few of whom are shipwrights. Repair of old craft and construction of new vessels is held up because of the lack of timber or power units. Thus far four fishing sailing boats have been built and four old ones are undergoing repairs. The shipyard is under the management of engineer Niegolewski.

A cold storage plant lies near the Fishing Basin. Though undamaged, it is out of commission and is being used for storing fuel for motor boats and fishing smacks.

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6. There are two normal gauge single track railway lines at Kolberg, the Kolberg-Belgard and the Kolberg-Koszalin (Koslin) lines. Both are open to traffic. The Russians dismantled and took away some 50 kilometers of rails on the Kolberg-Stettin line. They also removed rails from the narrow-gauge line leading west of Kolobrzeg (Kolberg).

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